

Cabinet to debate U.S. proposals on Sinai

By ANAN SAFADI Post-Mideast Affairs Editor The cabinet will this morning debate U.S. compromise proposals to resolve the dispute over the UN peacekeeping role in Sinai.

Vance asks Jerusalem to 'cool rhetoric' Rift over UNTSO seen linked to change in 242

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is prepared to meet with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan here to resolve the controversial stationing of UN observers in Sinai and other running disputes.

Family, aides visit Begin

Jerusalem Post Staff Prime Minister Menachem Begin is feeling well, a Hadassah Hospital spokesman in Jerusalem said last night.

Heavy schedule set for 3-day Ali visit

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post-Military Correspondent Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali is due to arrive here at 10 a.m. today for a three day visit.



Kamal Hassan Ali

Viet refugees sent to sea by Malaysians

BULAU API, Malaysia (AP). — Malaysian troops yesterday sent out to the international waters of the South China Sea 319 Vietnamese refugees in four wooden boats from the jetty here, which is 250 km. northeast of the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur.

New Iraq government purges five 'plotters for peace'

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — At least five high-ranking Iraqi leaders, including a deputy prime minister and the education minister, have been arrested for plotting against the state, the official Iraq News Agency (INA) said last night.

Beirut paper reports policy change PLO may consider 242 if Palestinian 'rights' assured

BEIRUT (UPI). — A senior Palestine Liberation Organization official in a subtle shift, says it is now willing to consider UN Security Council Resolution 242 as the basis for a "comprehensive settlement" of the Middle East problem, according to a newspaper interview yesterday.

First UNEF troops to leave Wednesday

The first contingents of UN troops in the Sinai will start leaving for home August 1, a spokesman for UN headquarters in Jerusalem said yesterday.

\$750m. damage, 1 dead in Texas rain

HOUSTON, Texas (AP). — The rain has let up in southeast Texas since tropical storm Claudette soaked the region with more than 80 cm. of water and left behind a damage bill estimated at \$750m., and seven people dead.

Shift of priorities to energy research, world study shows

WASHINGTON (AP). — World governments are beginning to shift their scientific research priorities to energy and other socially beneficial fields, but military programmes still take the biggest share, says a research group study.

Palestinians charged in embassy attack

ANKARA (Reuters). — Four Palestinians appeared before a military tribunal yesterday to be charged formally in connection with an attack on the Egyptian embassy in Ankara two weeks ago in which three people died.

W. Bank mayors to U.S. conference

A delegation of West Bank mayors will visit the U.S. to participate in a conference on "Palestinian rights" after the fast month of Ramadan. This was reported by Kol Israel Radio last night.

Thousands flee from Bangladesh floods

DACCA (AP). — Thousands of people fled their homes in areas of Bangladesh where 100,000 houses were damaged and 400,000 dunams (rice lands) were ruined by flooding, reports said yesterday.

Terror group threatens Sadat

NICE, France (AP). — Police jailed a Lebanese businessman yesterday after 12 hours of questioning in connection with the assassination of Saika leader Zuhair Mohsen, while the slain terrorist's body was flown to Damascus for burial today.



Charan Singh, right, being sworn in as India's fifth prime minister in New Delhi yesterday by President Reddy. See story on page 2. (AP radiophoto)

Heads minority government Charan Singh takes over as India's new prime minister

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Charan Singh, a 77-year-old farmers' leader, was yesterday sworn in as India's fifth prime minister at the massive red stone presidential palace built for British viceroys a half century ago.

Portuguese premier presents cabinet

LISBON (UPI). — Maria de Lurdes Pintasilgo, Portugal's first-ever woman premier-designate, presented her caretaker "government of 100 days" to President Antonio Ramalho Eanes yesterday and said she would announce its composition within the next three days.

No firm suspect yet in Saika chief's killing

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Officials upset over autonomy venue switch

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter
A number of senior government officials are upset by Interior Minister Yosef Burg's approval of the Dan Hotel chain's request to move the next autonomy talks from Herzliya to Haifa.

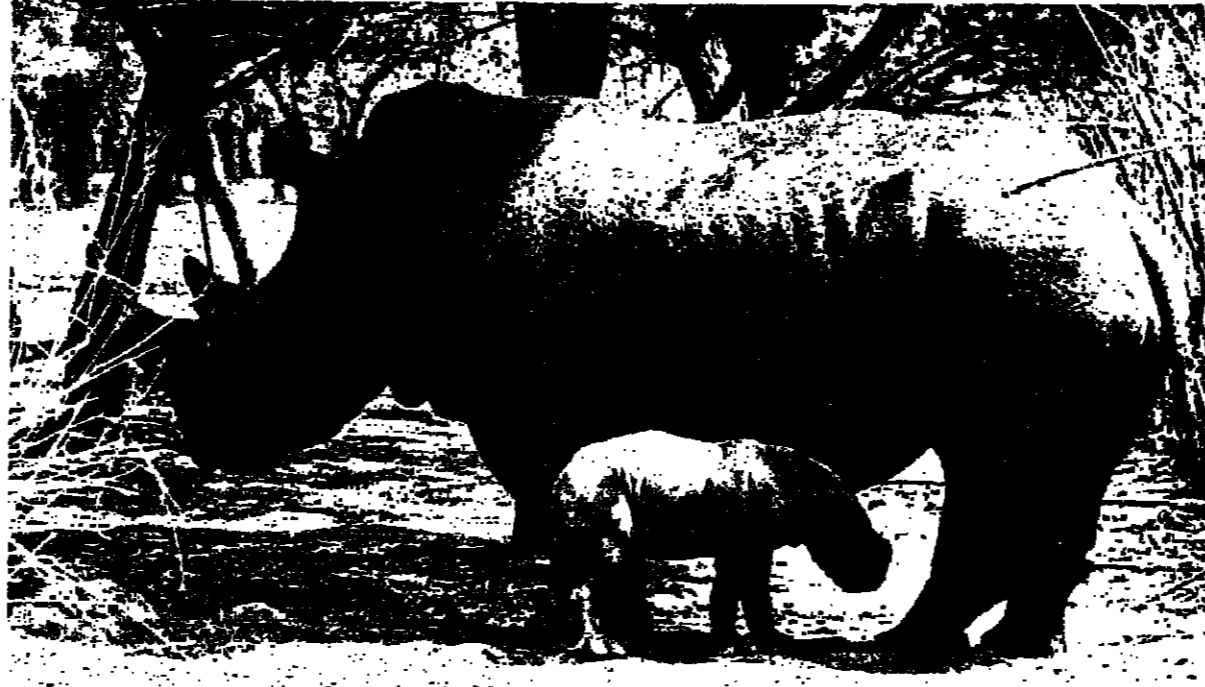
WALL STREET WEEK

Oil companies show strong gains in mid-year reports

NEW YORK (AP) — If a recession had indeed begun in the U.S. there was not much evidence of it in the mid-year earnings reports of most companies.
With the exception of a few stock-market stalwarts such as International Business Machines, which came in early this month with a slight decline in second-quarter profits, the picture has been generally bright.

UK, Argentina to re-establish ties

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — Argentina and Britain, who have not had an ambassador in each other's capitals since shots were fired in the Falklands dispute in 1976, said on Friday they will re-establish full diplomatic relations "as soon as possible."



A white rhinoceros, the rarest in the world, was born on Friday in Ramat Gan's Safari Park. Named Hefar, he weighed in at 30 kilos at birth, to his parents' 3.5 tons. (Shaul Golan)

Israel wants more diamonds from U.S. strategic stockpile

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Israel would like to be given special permission to buy top quality industrial diamonds from the U.S. strategic stockpile, Israeli sources here disclosed yesterday.

Arab doctor remanded for Fatah ties

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — A 31-year-old Arab doctor from one of the northern villages was remanded in custody for 10 days in the Haifa Magistrates Court on Friday on suspicion of joining Fatah when he was a student in Poland.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Begin's hospitalization puts damper on trading activities

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV — As a result of the current period of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's convalescence, during which there was little expectation of any major change in the government's economic policies, the share sector has moved considerably and a number of issues have achieved major price gains.

U.S. holocaust body to visit Nazi death camps

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — A U.S. presidential commission leaves today on a historic trip to commemorate six million Jews who perished under Nazi Germany.

New Knesset c'tee on road accidents meets

Members of the newly-formed Knesset committee for the war on traffic accidents met on Thursday for the first time to lay out their strategy.

Romania calls for Israeli withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — In a joint communiqué which Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu and Rakah's Meir Wilner made public yesterday, Israel is requested "to withdraw from all Arab territory conquered in 1967."

CBS newsman may seek Senate seat

WASHINGTON — CBS news diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb is thinking about running for the U.S. Senate.

Taxis, truckers, Arkia get green light for price hike

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Price rises of between 15 and 40 per cent for taxis, internal flights, freight and haulage services and special bus services, were approved on Friday by the Ministry of Transport last night.

Police union men to hold protest at Knesset today

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Ten policemen in uniform will begin a hunger strike outside the Knesset in Jerusalem today to protest the bill outlawing the policemen's trade union, union leader Yoel Reshet told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Electric workers 'take a day off'

By MARY HIRSCHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — All 4,000 employees of the Electric Corporation won't come to work today; they are taking a "collective day off" in support of their fellow technicians' months-old battle for salary readjustments.

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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY Department of Botany and Institute of Cereal Crops Improvement sympathize with Shirley Gassner of the death of her FATHER of blessed memory

On the fifth anniversary of the passing of the artist LUDWIG BLUM Yachir Yerushalayim

Many thanks to all our good friends for their sincere participation in our great sorrow, and their remembrance of Dr. HANS SEELNFREUND In the name of the family Else Seelenfreund

Javits backs \$25m. housing aid for Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A Senate-House conference committee has accepted a proposal by Senator Jacob Javits (Republican of New York) that would provide \$25m. in housing guarantees for Israel.

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### While Carter fills cabinet posts McGovern urges Kennedy to run

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter named two city mayors to his cabinet on Friday, filling the last of five vacancies created when he launched an overhaul of his cabinet last week.

The president named former New Orleans mayor Moon Landrieu to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Neil Goldschmidt, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, as the new Transportation Secretary. Goldschmidt, who has been mayor of Portland since 1972 and formerly was chairman of the transportation committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, conferred with Carter at the White House just before the announcement was made. In a statement released by the White House, Carter described the 59-year-old Goldschmidt as "an aggressive and innovative mayor with outstanding administrative abilities."

Landrieu, a 49-year-old Democrat, served as mayor of New Orleans from 1970 to 1976 and is a past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He was an unannounced overnight guest at the White House on Thursday.

The selection of Landrieu and Goldschmidt seemed certain to please the nation's big city mayors, who have been critical of Carter for paring urban programmes in his fight against inflation. Heavily Democratic, these mayors could be a key factor in the 1980 presidential primaries.

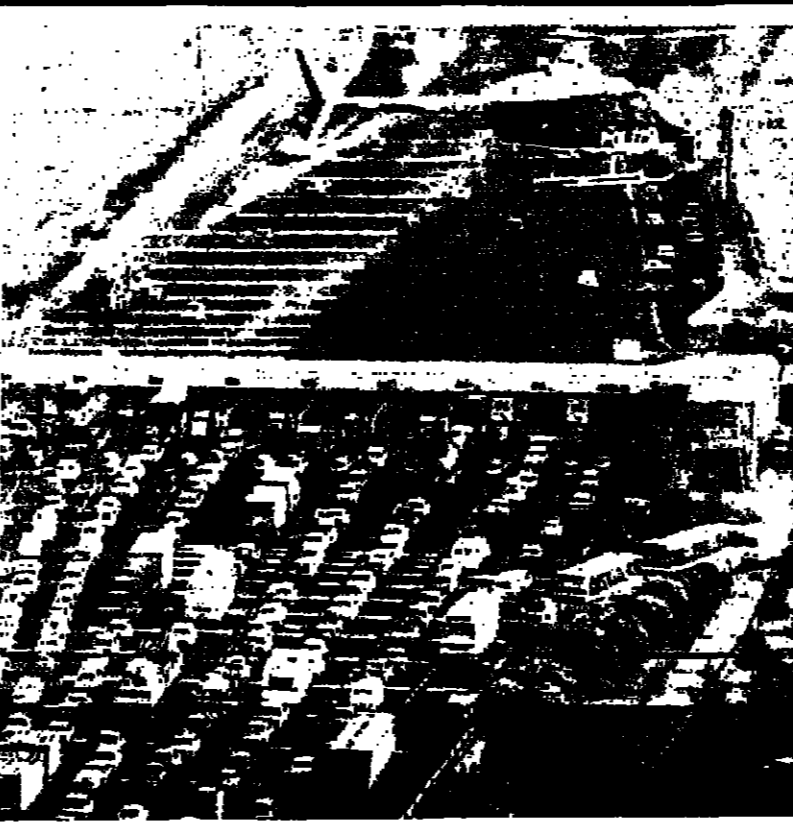
In selecting Goldschmidt and Landrieu, Carter also did some traditional ethnic and religious balancing of his cabinet. Goldschmidt is Jewish and Landrieu is Roman Catholic. On Thursday, Sen. George McGovern, accusing the Carter administration of "misgoverning," urged Sen. Edward Kennedy to enter the 1980 U.S. presidential race. In a speech to congressional leaders, McGovern, the Democratic Party presidential nominee in 1972, called Kennedy "the most logical candidate for our party."

"If he decides to run, I believe he can be nominated and elected and would be an inspiring president. If he declines to run, Democrats must be

prepared to field a strong alternative." A persistent critic of Carter administration policies, McGovern said the problem with the administration "is not the cabinet or the Washington press corps, or the Washington establishment."

"It is the Carter-White House. The perspectives, the policies and the priorities of the administration have been mistaken from the beginning." Using language far harsher than he previously has directed at the administration, McGovern said that "firing a few subordinates who have been asked to execute those mistaken policies does not serve the nation..."

"We can recover from our present malaise," added McGovern, "by setting the stage now for a presidential selection in 1980 that is equal to the ideals and hopes of a great nation."



A police helicopter hovers over thousands of holiday travellers leaving Rome as the vacation season begins. Highway toll booths were packed with lines stretching for kilometers in some places.

### Nicaragua regime getting aid from Cuba and U.S.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP). — Nicaragua's junta, after two days of talks, established diplomatic relations with Cuba on Friday, got pledges that Fidel Castro will send doctors and teachers, and prepared to go to Washington next week to ask for U.S. aid to help rebuild its war-ravaged economy.

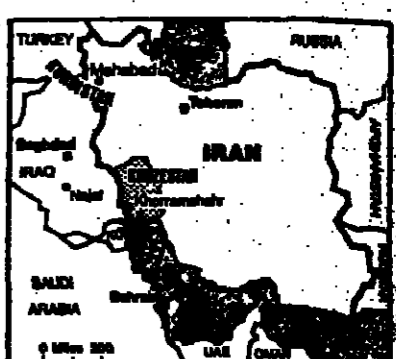
Junta member Alfonso Robelo told reporters on returning here that the visit, during an anniversary celebration of the Cuban revolution in 1956, showed Nicaragua's appreciation for Cuba's moral and political support during the seven-week Sandinista guerrilla offensive that ousted dictator Anastasio Somoza on July 17, ending 42 years of family rule.

need 100 teachers, we are ready to send them to live in the countryside, eat peasant food and receive little pay. If you need 200, 300 or whatever, we will send them."

Robelo said the junta asked Cuba specifically for medical and educational assistance because "that is where the Cuban revolution has shown the greatest gains. Our estimate is that 85 per cent of Nicaraguans are illiterate ... and teaching them is one of the greatest tasks of our revolution."

### Gas pipeline between Iran, USSR cancelled

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iran said yesterday it has cancelled plans to build a second gas pipeline to the Soviet Union, part of a vast gas deal for energy-starved Western Europe. Head of the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) Hassan Morshad said in a radio broadcast that it was not Iran's policy to export gas. The new gas trunkline to the Soviet Union — due to become operational next year — had been scrapped, he said.



Morshad said Teheran would also ask the Soviet Union to pay more for Iranian natural gas supplied through the existing Ipat-one trunkline. The present price is \$28 for 1,000 cubic metres.

### Second explosion reported in Iran province

The \$2.5b. Ipat-two trunkline was part of an agreement under which the Soviet-Union's own natural gas would have been exported to West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Italy.

TEHERAN. — An explosives depot belonging to the state-owned National Oil Company was blown up on Friday near the oil town of Ahva, in Khuzestan province, the state radio reported yesterday.

Newspapers of the cancellation — already predicted by Iranian oil chief Hassan Nazih on June 7 — broke as Iran began vital talks in Moscow on the future of the Soviet-built Isfahan steel mill. Ipat-one was part of a gas-for-steel agreement signed by the Shah and the Kremlin in 1968. A delegation led by Iranian National Steel Corporation chief Jafar E. Dini, Ashiyani yesterday began negotiations about increasing the mill's capacity from 600,000 tonnes to 1.5m. tonnes. The Isfahan mill was one of the main pillars of Iran's industrialization under the Shah.

The explosion, which shook Ahva, caused no casualties but a number of houses were damaged and some people received minor injuries, the radio said. The explosion comes two weeks after saboteurs belonging to militant autonomy-seeking Arab groups blew up gas and crude oil pipelines leading to Ahvan, site of the world's biggest oil refinery.

### Enforced Ramadan

TEHERAN (Reuters). — A team of Islamic guards in Qom, the home town of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, will punish anyone eating in the daytime during the present Moslem fasting month of Ramadan, the Teheran newspaper "Basmdad" reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, authorities have detained six suspected saboteurs after confessions by a man executed this week for blowing up the Ahvan oil pipeline, the Jomhuriye-Isalmi newspaper reported yesterday.

### S. Africa pays Biko's widow

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The government of South Africa has paid the family of the late Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko \$78,000 as a result of his unexplained death in detention, Biko's widow, Nontakelo, said on Friday.

The man from whom the confessions were obtained, Abdul-Hussien Rashedi, was the third person sentenced to death in connection with the blast. (AP, Reuters)

### 65 Tanzanians killed in Uganda war

DAR-ES-SALAAM (UPI). — Only 65 Tanzanians and 31 Ugandans fighting alongside them died in action during the seven-month-long war against Idi Amin's forces in Uganda, Tanzanian officials have revealed.

medical student was the founder of the Black Consciousness movement. The Minister of Police Louis Le Grange, said, "The file on the Biko affair has now been closed." He said the state was not admitting guilt in paying the largest settlement ever awarded the family of a detainee who died while in custody.

### Socialists hedge on joining new Rome government

ROME (AP). — The Socialist Party yesterday told premier-designate Filippo Maria Pandolfi it would withhold any decision on whether to support him until he presents his proposals for a new cabinet to Parliament.

### Pope will not visit Northern Ireland

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Vatican sources said yesterday that Pope John Paul II will not visit the Holy Land or Northern Ireland because of tensions in the two areas.

### Americans to rearm key Saudi force

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Carter administration formally told Congress on Friday that it plans to help Saudi Arabia double the size of its National Guard, which is in charge of defending key oil installations.

### Giant oil slick nearing Texas

MEXICO CITY (UPI). — Oil slicks gushing out of the world's largest oil spill have crept another 150 km. north toward Texas, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said on Friday.

### U.S. sailor goes overboard for Viet refugees

ABOARD THE USS WABASH, PATTAYA BEACH, Thailand (AP). — A young American sailor was so overcome with the thought that his ship was not going to pick up a group of Vietnamese refugees that he jumped into the ocean to force a rescue. "I am an American citizen, if you pick me up you will have to pick them up too," he shouted, as he jumped overboard from the USS Parsons, a destroyer of the U.S. Seventh Fleet task force which yesterday completed a refugee sweep in the South China Sea.

He told reporters that he had planned to leave Vietnam for some time, but finally decided to go after hearing a foreign broadcast of the Carter announcement. Navigating with only a pocket compass, he said he had hoped to be picked up by the Seventh Fleet.

The directive requires the fleet to check whether boats are seaworthy, in which case they are to ensure they have sufficient supplies and help them plot their way to a landfall. If they are not seaworthy, the refugees are to be picked up. The Thais agreed yesterday that they could be ferried by helicopter and bus to the Laem Sing refugee camp 300 kilometres southeast of Bangkok — a far cry from the relative luxury they have experienced this week on the American vessels. They have guarantees under the policy that they will eventually be accepted for settlement in the U.S.

The boat he was talking about contained 19 people, 10 of them the children of a former South Vietnamese chief petty officer, Bui Van Thy and his wife, four relatives and three friends.

But it was clear to the reporters aboard the Wabash, which arrived in Pattaya, Thailand, yesterday, that the sailor who jumped overboard to make his point was only an excessive example of the boost to morale and incentive the new directive had given to the sailors. The incident occurred four days ago when the task force headed by the 80,000-ton carrier Kittyhawk

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# A nightmare of death

By WILLIAM C. MANN Manila

**THE FIRST** to be shot were three men and two sick children. Then a man and his sick mother, shot out of the water as they approached the island of Luzon. Then a man and his sick mother, shot out of the water as they approached the island of Luzon. Then a man and his sick mother, shot out of the water as they approached the island of Luzon.

were made to push the boat back to the deep water, but all were in vain," the survivors wrote.

Flashlights were seen on the island, and "assuming that there were people (there), four men were sent in, onto it, bringing two seriously sick children along to ask for help and medical care."

"Shots were heard, breaking the silence of the night. Then one man hurried back and climbed aboard the boat. He said that shadowy figures had ordered the boat people to come closer and closer and then to sit down and stand up twice, in Vietnamese, and then pulled the triggers.

grenade launchers were pointed to us."

"Suddenly, one round of mortar shell fell right on the front part of our boat, killing 30 persons instantly and injuring many. It was then panic on the boat."

"A group of Communist soldiers then got out of the bunkers and lined up along the shoreline, using their AK-47 rifles to gun us down one after the other. It was so ridiculous."

THE SURVIVORS said about 20 people then jumped into the sea in a desperate attempt to swim to safety. A small junk had pulled up in the meantime, its five occupants signaling with naval flags that they needed help.

That boat, too, was fired on, and four of the men jumped out. They died in the water.

"Twenty of us were now on our way out," the account said. "When we were around 400 metres away



You may soon be talking to a computer — that will take your message. (Shalom Bar-Tal)

## Marrying the telephone to the computer

**THE MARCH** of microelectronics into the office, and the implications it has for the many millions employed in clerical jobs, is beginning to raise hackles.

As far as the spotlight has fallen on word-processing, a technique whose name has a nasty flavour of jargon, the Ministry of Truth is already taking notice. It is simply a way of making typewriters more intelligent so that those who use them can be less intelligent — or, more likely, fewer in number.

Word-processing has yet to create the office revolution which its proponents keep telling us is around the corner. But there is another technology emerging which may have an even greater impact on the way we work. For simplicity it might be called voice processing, since it does for speech what word-processing does for text.

Machines now exist which can respond to the human voice, picking up words and responding only to a voice it knows, like a dog to its master. And machines also exist which can speak, using a small and simple vocabulary assembled electronically into short sentences.

MEMBER of these techniques is terribly new, nor particularly clever. What is new is the realization that speech synthesis and recognition can be turned into useful products which could have an enormous impact in the office and factory.

These products carry some conviction because behind them is the world's biggest corporation, Exxon, which for the past few years has been pouring money into systems which marry the computer to the human voice.

In oil company as big as Exxon is not going to put its money into a daily new area of business unless it is reasonably hopeful of a good return. Exxon Enterprises, the subsidiary set up by the company as a vehicle for the new investments, is kept at parrying questions about that it is up to, but there is no doubt that the investment made so far is very large indeed.

One of its most interesting products is a system designed to help a major share in the \$500m. a year telephone answering business in the U.S. Another is said to be an operator which responds to the human voice, dispensing with the need to hit the keys. Yet another is a system for direct input of data to a computer simply by talking to it, a system now being successfully marketed in Britain.

It is a massive effort by a huge corporation to diversify away from its traditional area of expertise. "Exxon is not a major competitor to IBM in electronics products in five years' time. It is going to have squandered a lot of money," says Roger Chambers of Butler Cox, a leading computer consultancy.

HOW WILL the products work? Take the telephone answering system as a good example of the sort of thing which can be done.

Every day millions of people pick up the phone to answer it, and don't get through.

This has nothing much to do with the telephone system itself. What really counts is whether the person called is sitting at his desk with his telephone resting gently in its cradle waiting to ring.

Otherwise — if your man is already on the phone, in a meeting, out to lunch, holidaying in Honolulu or simply not disposed to talk to you — the effort ends in frustration.

Surveys in the U.S. suggest that of all the calls made, almost three-quarters fail to reach the party for whom they were intended.

Telephone answering devices can help, though they are chillingly impersonal and few people like using them. Delphi Communications Corporation, an Exxon affiliate, has

come up with what it believes is a much better system.

Picture the telephone rings in a small business; it might "for example" be a doctor's surgery, or a lawyer's office. If there is nobody there to answer it, the phone goes on ringing until, in the Delphi system, a computer decides to answer it and automatically routes it to a human operator.

In front of the operator is a screen, just like a TV screen. As he or she picks up the phone to answer the call, the computer displays on the screen the details of the subscriber for whom the call is intended.

This enables the operator to answer the call intelligently and to take the message. But here the system gets really clever. Instead of noting down the message or typing it, it is automatically recorded on the computer memory as the operator talks to the caller.

When the person for whom the call was intended gets back to his office,

says. (There is no operator, this is the computer talking.) "You have four messages. Here is message number one. It came in at 11:15." It then plays back the conversation between the caller and the operator, before going on to the next message.

The subscriber can stop it at any time simply by saying "stop." He can ask it to skip any messages he doesn't want to hear, or begin again at the beginning on the command "begin." The subscriber can call in for his messages on any telephone, from anywhere, any time of the day or night.

The system is ideal for small businesses, who can dispense with secretaries. While it doesn't entirely solve the problem of getting through to the person you want, it does enable you to leave long, intelligent messages with a fair degree of certainty that they will get through. And

it costs little more than a conventional phone-answering service. The system also has the potential to be a kind of audio filing system, storing in a long-term memory all the conversations it captures. In theory, such a record could replace many written documents, and a man's word — on the telephone, at least — would have to be his bond.

It could easily be extended to incorporate the idea of "voicegrams." All that would be necessary would be to phone the computer and dictate the message. The computer would then route it to its destination and the message would be "delivered" the next time the subscriber called in for his message.

Used within an office, a concept like this would enable people to communicate by leaving voice messages in each other's in-trays. Instead of work being constantly interrupted by phone calls, as happens now, it would be possible to store all the non-urgent calls and listen to them when it suited in with the work pattern.

AS WELL as responding to a human voice, the computer is also developing a voice of its own. Peripherals Inc. — another Exxon spin-off — is a company which has developed a computer which responds, in a reasonably life-like way, to a telephone caller.

The system might be used, for example, by a salesman. After a day out on the road he could phone his list of orders directly into the computer, guided through the order by the promptings of the computer itself.

To send orders the salesman uses a simple keyboard able to generate tones like a miniature electronic organ. It is attached to a normal telephone handset, the right buttons pressed, and the tones go down the wire to be interpreted by the computer as a series of numbers and letters.

If the salesman makes a mistake there is a good chance the computer will pick it up, and tell him to try again. The computer speaks perfectly comprehensible English, assembled from a "memory" of about 100-150 pre-recorded words and phrases. "Please hurry," it urges quietly if the salesman delays too long. At the end, the computer will read the whole order back as a check.

The system does away with sending orders by post, having to turn them into computer-compatible form, and then feeding them into the machine. It reduces the number of errors and cuts delays.

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## African safari

Photographer Richard Nowitz crossed the 'endless sweep of the African Savannah' to take these pictures. Here, he describes his 1,600 km. trek through Kenya.

THE RENTED Renault lurched along a dusty, rutted dirt track as we raced the setting sun to reach the Masai Mara Game Park before darkness fell. Game parks in Kenya close at sunset to vehicular traffic. Our first night on safari would be under the stars at the park.

We had not yet entered Masai Mara Game Block, an area set aside by the government where regulated hunting by permit is allowed, which surrounds the actual game preserve, but we could see in the dull dusk light herds of gazelle moving across the plains.

Soon total darkness enabled our car lights to pick up countless pairs of eyes. A feeling of anxiety started to spread from person to person in the car. Had we taken the wrong turning? Would we have enough petrol to reach the park entrance? The tension building between us, over the possible chance that we had taken a wrong turn, made me consider the sagacity of my decision to travel with a couple of migrant animal trainers from a British circus and a Radcliffe junior exploring the world. Everyone had a different opinion and each was convinced he had the best sense of direction.

My travelling companions and I had met

two days before at the Thorn Tree Café, connected to the New Stanley Hotel in fashionable downtown Nairobi. It is at the Thorn Tree that fellow adventurers make contact to go on safari together, thus saving a duplication of travel expenses. Arrangements can be made to rent cars, jeeps and camping equipment in modern Nairobi, which has a distinctly British flavour. English is spoken everywhere.

An orange flicker appeared on the horizon. As we approached the camp fire's light shone brightly on this moonless night. Beside the fire, a tall black-skinned Masai warrior sat, with an old British issue single shot rifle slung carelessly over his shoulder. Next to him, a weathered wooden sign proclaimed the entrance to the Masai Mara Hunting Block. A white wood pole barricaded the road. The Masai guard moved towards us with authority, his gun now firmly in his hand. His job was to prevent poachers from entering the park as well as tourists after sunset.

In broken English the game keeper advised us to turn back to the nearest site of civilization — a small agricultural village we had passed three hours before, or spend the night beside the fire. For a few shillings, our new

Masai acquaintance promised to keep the fire lit to discourage curious four-legged visitors from the bush.

As the ground-sheets were spread and sleeping bags unrolled, the silence of the African night made itself felt. The stillness was occasionally punctuated with roars, screeches and sounds which could well be incorporated into a horror-movie sound track.

Sleep came slowly. Dreaming, I heard a woman scream. I awoke; it was no dream. A jackel has crept out of the bush and was smelling one of my travelling companions. The sky was a faint blue-pink colour and neither the fire nor the guard were visible.

At sunrise, the African plains teemed with activity and life. Before the equatorial sun was up, herds of all kinds of animals moved towards new grazing pasture and water. In this predawn light, the majestic wilderness prepared for another day of life and death, of eating or being eaten.

It is on the endless sweep of the African Savannah that the ecology of the "food chain" becomes evident. Everywhere I looked skeletal remains repeated the story of survival of the fittest.

As well as the animals, we also met the

people: The Masai Mara, one of Kenya's favoured game watching areas is also the home of the once nomadic Masai, whose fierce battle groups were a terror throughout Kenya. Today they are settled and beginning to ranch, although many of their traditions are still intact. The tall slim male warriors are striking in their red-ochre dress and head work. The females are bald and decorated, while the males have elaborate hair-dos made with dried red mud.

The tribal social system segregates the male. He is allowed full membership in the tribe only after performing rituals to "test" his manhood, such as killing a lion alone with only a spear. Once the test is passed he is allowed to become a full warrior and take a bride. Circumcision of both the male and the female is still practised by the Masai. The mainstay of their diet is a milk and blood mixture which provides a major portion of protein and fat for their diets.

Days were full of excitement as our safari journeyed from one game park to the next. Each dawn brought new sightings of wild creatures. At Amboseli, the snow-capped dome of Mt. Kilimanjaro dwarfed the herds of elephant, giraffe, and zebra that refreshed

themselves in front of our thatched roof hut, rented for \$8 a night. At breakfast, from the shade of our hut, we watched herds of grazing animals follow each other to the watering hole, in an age-old pecking order, designated by the size of the herd and the animal.

From Amboseli, we drove south-east across the Kuku Plains and over the Shaitani lava flow into the 8,000 sq. mile Tsavo Park, Kenya's largest game sanctuary. The landscape was breathtaking, wild and vast.

Nights were spent alternately at camp sites, youth hostels, and comfortable game lodges, where hot showers and elaborate meals were available at a reasonable price. The game lodges are situated near watering holes, and from the bar or dining room the African life and death drama unfolds daily.

Our 1,600 km. safari ended in Mombasa, a sweltering city on the Indian Ocean, where Moslem mosques compete with Indian temples for the skyline.

Travel from Derael to Nairobi is only five hours away. El Al has frequent flights to Kenya. Air transport is priced from \$427 for a group flight to an open ticket costing \$883. Package tours start from \$1,350 for 14 days.

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TRAVELLING in Ireland's west-central province, I had the impression that the earth must have looked like that right after it was created: rugged, mountainous, with plenty of lakes, and with fingers of land stretching far out into the sea. This province's melodious name, Connemara, calls to mind a beautiful Italian girl.

But our good God must have been in a particularly bad mood when he created Connemara; in addition to lakes, hills and treeless valleys, particularly in the north and south of Loch Corrib, he added bare precipices with huge boulders at the bottom which seem to be waiting for careless drivers. Had Dante known Connemara, he would have had a perfect model for his "Divine Comedy," a model for a beautiful hell spreading from Bunnacoolle through Casamhama (in English, Massacross) to Ballenahine and Connemara's capital Clochar (in English, Clifdon).

The sunny side of the mountains sweeps down gently to the great swamps stretching to Galway Bay on the ocean. Among those granite rocks and ravines, neither man nor beast could find a straight path. This Sahara of pre-diluvian boulders is criss-crossed by tiny fields cleared of stones and put in orderly rows. These fields cannot be ploughed deeply, certainly not with a tractor, but only with a simple spade, for underneath the thin layer of earth are more stones.

Small, white peasant cottages with red roofs make the province picturesque. Throughout the area, acadamised roads wind like paths. Flocks of sheep, wild geese, people digging peat, carts drawn by donkeys can be seen from afar. However, there are very long stretches of land where not a living soul can be seen.

Only around the lakes is there most always traffic — it is a paradise for fishermen — and hell for trout.

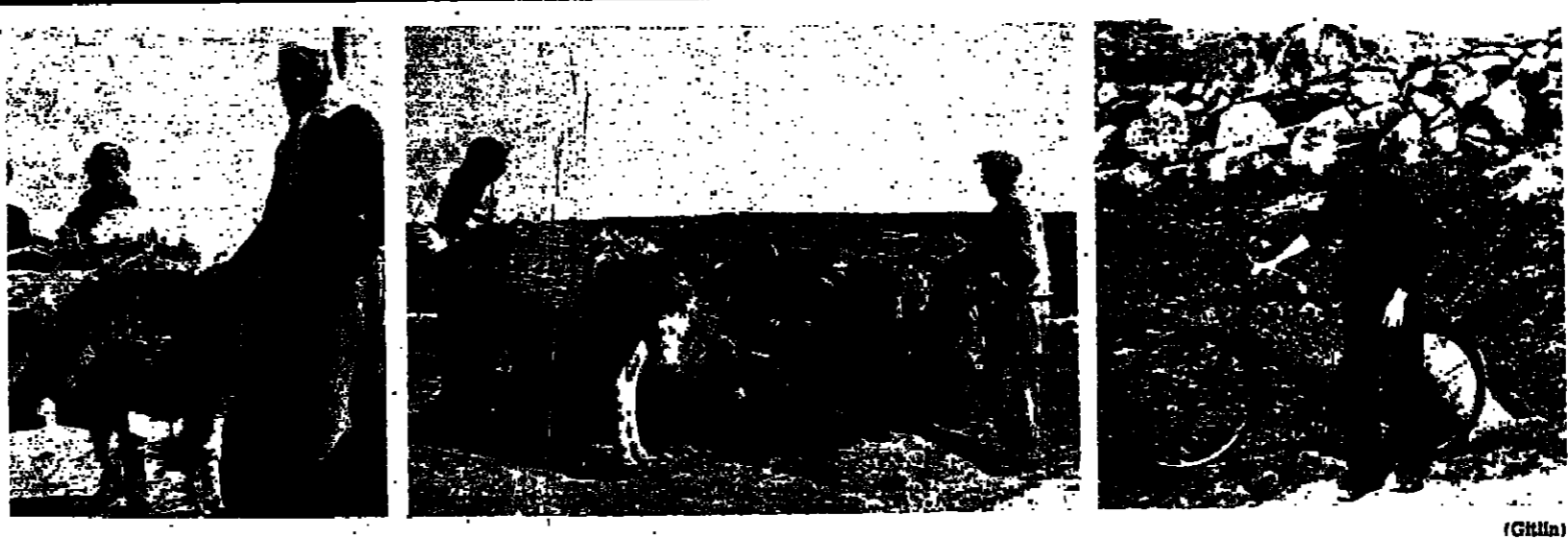
Connemara is the last stop on this side of the Atlantic; the first one on the other side is New York, 5,000 miles away. Connemara does not change. The Celtic language, beliefs, superstitions, gods, fairies, all have

survived and exist alongside Catholicism. Tell the Connemarans that the world is changing, they are as surprised as the people here are surprised as their ancestors were. The older generation lives without much hope for better times, quietly and peacefully in their little cottages containing cheap coloured prints of the Virgin Mary and the sacred heart of Jesus, while they listen to old ballads told by Connemara's famous story-tellers. Many old people, living alone, await money from their children who emigrated to America or England.

The Irish government has made Connemara and its surrounding districts into a reserve — the Gaeltacht — of old Celtic culture. The Connemarans, often illiterate, often not understanding English well and always reluctant to speak it anyway, are a mine of old traditions, a wealth of legends and stories, a treasure-house of ancient Celtic culture. Irish folklorists and researchers are reviving this old culture and language. They visit Collin or Ruismainiach, go into a cottage to listen, together with neighbours, to tales of some descendant or follower of the great Irish bards — an Eamon de Burc or Michael MacDomach. These story-tellers have recorded the fairy tales and ballads for the State Folklore Commission. Some have recorded over 150 songs and stories each so far.

Much of Connemara's hospitality is to a certain degree due to these traditional stories. In olden times, heroes disguised as simple people, used to walk around the world — and they continue to do so. How do you know who is the stranger that knocks at the hut? How can one not treat him to a crust of bread and a mug of fresh, cool milk?

The profiles of the Connemarans, their rugged features and long lean faces, correspond with the surrounding faces; faces like that, their songs, beliefs and legends are Connemara's folklore. One such face I saw from my car. It belonged to a fisherman who was hanging up his nets by the sea-shore. He smiled at me in greeting. I left the car and walked up to him. The small fields by his hut were cleared of stones and laborious



(GITLIN)

After we returned from Clochar, there was much activity on the beach. It was high-tide and men with trousers-legs rolled up, women with skirts pinned up, were ready for work. A big wave came in, and when it began receding, the men walked into the sea, back bent and arms outstretched; then they turned and ran back, tufts of seaweed in their hands. The women went to meet them and took the tangled, dripping plants and carried them to the baskets on the beach. This process went on for a long time.

Formerly, the seaweed was used to stuff mattresses. As a good fertilizer it is now used either in its wet state or after being burnt, its ashes are scattered over the fields. Since it was discovered that seaweed contains carbohydrates, it has also been sold to a factory where it is used for all kinds of jellies.

On my way back I drove round a bend and thought that I was looking at a cemetery. But it was a school. Surrounded by a low wall of grey stones, boys played soccer. The young teacher had 60 boys in the two-room school. After passing his matriculation, he attended a teachers' college. He graduated with 46 others, of whom only two still remained in Ireland — teachers earn better in England.

It was late evening when I began driving back to my hotel in Galway. Fast fires were lit — an age-old custom of Connemara. Just as the peat's flames disperse darkness lighting up the white-walled huts and the hilltops, so, one day, a free Ireland will emerge from the darkness, they say.

A young girl walking by herself accepted a lift. "I am taking a last look at my land," she said, and looked out of the car's window. She had only a small suitcase with her, the kind one takes for a day's travel. The bus from Clifdon to Galway runs only once a week. From Galway, she was to travel to Cork by train. An hour before, she had said goodbye to her parents. In Cork, she was to board a ship and sail for America.

When God deserted Connemara, and the government after declaring the land Gaeltacht also forgot it, the young people began to desert it too.

## A Land deserted by God, Government and People

Ireland's lost world of Connemara is discovered by Jan Gitlin.

ly ploughed. The terms "farm" and "trope" are just as realistic here as on the moon. Several small fields nearby were untouched. After exchanging remarks on the scenery and weather, I asked him about those unploughed fields. He looked at me for a long time and having found me worth his confidence, turned towards a big flat stone by the cottage. We sat down, lit cigarettes and he began:

"On that mountain where those unploughed fields are, there was once a fort built by the Danes. At that time the De Dannan family, Tuatha De Dannan to call them by their full

name, which in Celtic means the "tribe of the goddesses Dann," lived there. The family conquered Ireland using witchcraft. But there lived one more family, the Druids from the mill. Witchcraft met witchcraft. Tuatha De Dannan had to flee and found refuge among those lakes and hills."

"And from that time on, these fields are haunted and therefore...not...?"

"Yes, everyone out here in the west, knows that."

"Is that today's paper?" I asked, pointing at his pocket.

"No, it's a fortnight old.

American. I've got three brothers in the States."

"There was not much for them to do here?"

"Ay, there was not much for them to do here, no...they were not the only ones...half of younger Connemarans, bah, half of Ireland is abroad."

"Aren't you thinking of going there; too?"

"Ay, if I only could, but I must look after this property, it is mine and my brothers', inherited from our fathers..."

What a pitiful inheritance, but tended with love and fidelity. He took

me to the beach, for I wanted to see the currachs rocking gently on the water — Celtic boats skilfully built to a centuries-old model, light, easy to manoeuvre, their wooden frames covered with sheepskin.

"We're Irish to the core," he said, "just as our forefathers were; nobody knows how many years we've built these boats, just as nobody knows how long we've been here."

For the traditional tankard of Guinness, we could go either to Clochar (population 900) and reminiscent of an Alpine township, or to Roundstone boasting of 600 inhabitants and...13 bars.

## Serving up history

Post Food Editor Haim Shapiro has a ye olde dinner in London's famous Tower.



"Court of Picadilly." The hall, a 19th century warehouse, wedged in beside the Tower of London on the the Thames, had brick vaulted ceilings which imparted a very reasonable air of ye olde something or other.

The scene was one that is being carried out today all over hotels, castles, manor houses and abbeys in the British Isles. In some, no doubt, greater efforts have been made at authenticity than others.

Our own banquet featured a big, bluff master of ceremonies with a booming voice, well-amplified by a public address system. Wearing an outfit of velvet and diadem, he could perhaps be described as a harmless Henry VIII.

It was he who crowned our king, a young tourist from Guatemala with flat American Indian features. We shared the "Court of Picadilly" with others from Guatemala and a group of travel agents from Cyprus. The Cypriots seemed a bit too sophisticated for this type of entertainment, but the Guatemalans revelled in it.

They clambered around the table to get better photos of the juggler, they posed with the serving wenches and they were in sheer delight when the Indian magician found ten pence pieces in their ears. One laughing Central American girl even managed to get her picture taken with the master of ceremonies.

For the rest of us, who had come without cameras there was still hope. Soon after we came in a photographer came around and took our pictures and before the evening was over, a serving wench came around with our likeness in colour, immortalised in a keychain.

A printed notice that came with the keychain explained in five languages that if we would like to keep it, there was a £1 (IL60) charge for expenses. However, we were under no obligation, the notice said.

As for the meal itself, it was characterized chiefly by the absence of table implements. This became apparent when an iron pot of soup was placed before one of our number who had been provided with a white paper hat, making him "master of the vittles." Another tablemate was given a green hat and pronounced master of the drink, in charge of seeing that our glasses were filled from the large pitchers of wine and ale on the table.

We drank the soup directly from the bowls and then went on to attack with knives the meat course, a sort of nameless cooked meat on a skewer. We used the same knives for the next course, a quarter of a roasted chicken.

In between courses, each brought on with a great fanfare of trumpets, came the entertainment. In addition to the jugglers, acrobats and magicians, there were singers. One duo of balladeers had a distinct country and western flavour about them.

At similar banquets in Ireland, I am told, the diners are regaled by a harpist. A similar occasion in Paris would no doubt call up a serious trio or quartet playing period instruments. But this was swinging London and if a little fat was to be had at the price of authenticity, no one minded — certainly not the Guatemalans.

For those who might question the profitability of serving up history on a wooden trencher, we need only point out that some 600 people had paid £13 (IL780) apiece for the privilege of drinking soup from their bowls. For those unmoved by the attraction of the Middle Ages, the same entrepreneur also runs four other similar attractions, including an "Old London Music Hall."

The lesson for our own tourism industry is obvious. What is to prevent us from holding Crusader banquets in Acre, Roman feasts in Caesaria and biblical feasts in Jerusalem?

"WELCOME Lords and Ladies, brave knights and cavaliers and even you serfs (I think I saw a few a moment ago) to the royal halls of the Banquet at The Tower."

So began, officially at least our medieval dinner. Informally it had begun with a welcoming glass of mead and a printed card informing us that we were to be seated in the

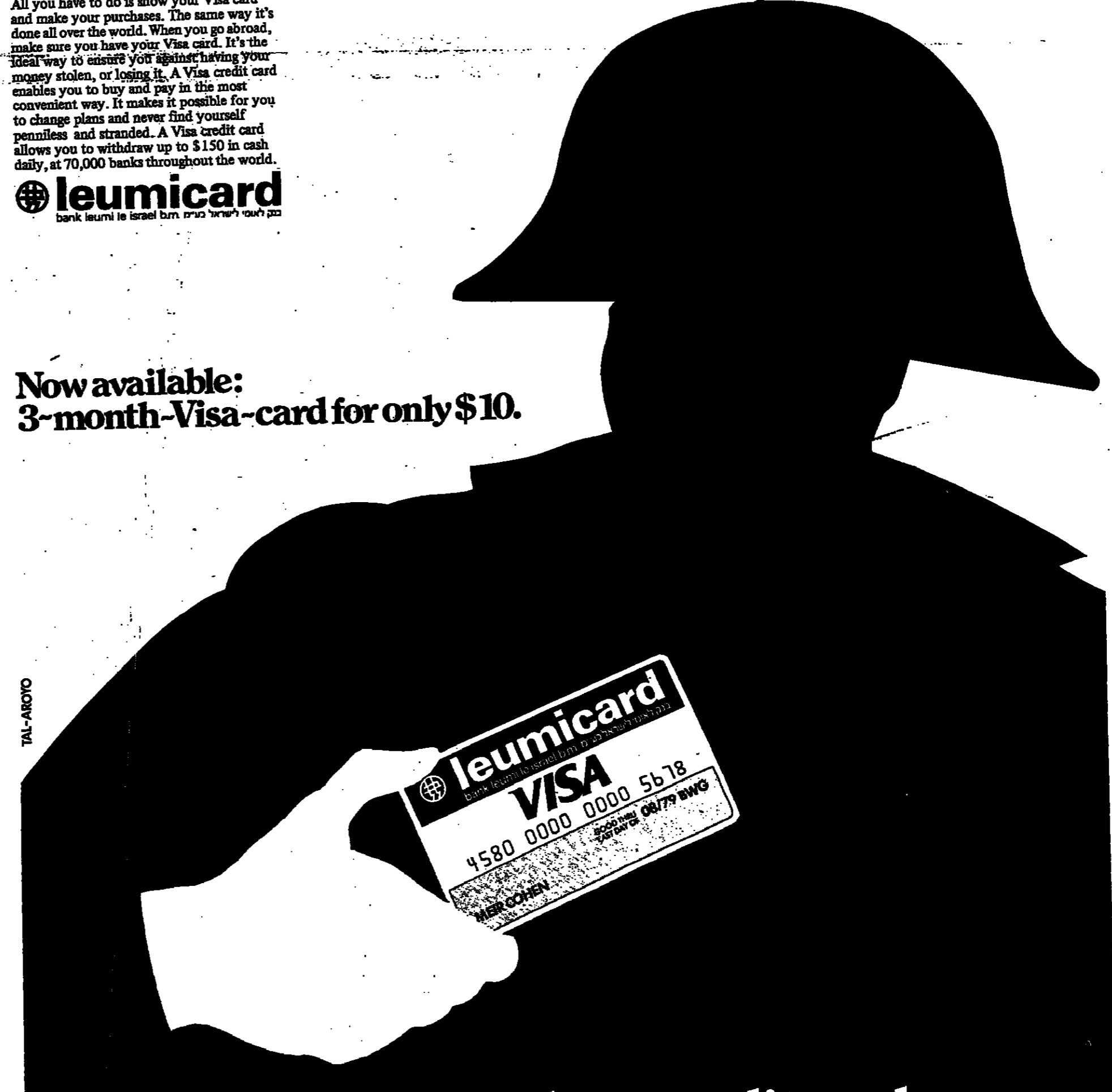
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## Easy come, easy go

Alexander Zvielli cruises the seas in a luxury ship.



Rolling among the palm trees of Paradise Island. (Unipic)

FOR THE S.S. Rotterdam it was only another of the weekly cruises which depart from New York every Saturday from April through November, for the Bahamas and Bermuda. For us and another 1,100 passengers it was an unusual experience of foreign travel — sound, sight and taste.

Even more, it was a cultural feast and a continuous study of attractions and amenities of the Western world of which existence we were hardly aware. It was also a world of yesterday, the continuous existence of which is due to a set of very special conditions.

The Rotterdam is the apotheosis of what has been accomplished in the field of ship design. The fifth ship to bear that name in the Holland-America company's fleet, it is the largest passenger vessel ever built by the Netherlands. She made her maiden voyage in 1969 and is 38,000 gross tons of sheer beauty, 748 feet long and 94 feet wide. She has 11 passenger decks (and was the first ship to have two complete decks of public rooms), eight passenger lifts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, is fully air-conditioned, has automatic stabilizers and is equipped with the latest navigational and operational instruments.

It has a Sky Room, Sun Room, three nightclubs, a Smoking Room, Club Room, Card Room, Library, Shopping Centre, 600-seat theatre, two large restaurants, seven bars, a

beauty salon, gymnasium, Turkish baths, massage rooms and huge wide promenades.

The real heart of the ship is the elegant Lido deck area, well-known to TV "Love Boat" spectators. It is a resort spa in itself. Here is a place where passengers can lounge from dawn till dusk, which in June ends well past eight in this part of the world. It's an indoor-outdoor haven that is the most glamorous sun porch that ever went to sea. There's a sparkling pool in the centre surrounded by flagstones and little tables to gather around when one wants to get out of the sun into something long and cool. Forward, there are free buffet tables in the Lido café filled with hot and cold delicacies where passengers can create their own seaside lunch.

Each day on the Rotterdam begins with the weather report, news, and a schedule of the day's events being slipped under a passenger's door. Then a sumptuous breakfast (in bed if one likes), which usually lasts for more than an hour. Anyone wishing to shed the calories may continue with a few fast rounds of shuffleboard, play deck tennis or shoot clay pigeons. One can learn golf swing with the aid of ship's professional, have a rubdown and a Turkish bath, or visit the gymnasium.

Experience and talent, in fact, are the keystones of the luxury liner's well-established reputation. Nothing

is mediocre. Nothing is left to chance.

Somehow behind all these activities, one feels the presence of an iron hand and a powerful organization which makes such an extravaganza possible. Everything is planned months ahead and timed to perfection. The ship is spotless and the service perfect; there is one crew member for every two passengers. It is the rare combination of elegant, spotlessly white-uniformed Dutch officers and the dark-skinned Indonesians which makes such an operation possible.

The service borders on decadence. During sumptuous lunches and dinners, in casino, lounges or nightclubs, your every wish and move seems to be welcomed and anticipated. In the very beginning, you still remove your own plate. But after a day or two you are resigned to the services of others. The thought occurs to us: In one really entitled to such luxury, even for a single week?

It is deep below, within the gleaming and mercifully hot kitchen halls, that one becomes more aware of this question. The chief cooks are still white and they come from many countries. But it is the slender, quick and dark-skinned Indonesians that do all the manual jobs. It is their work which makes this miracle possible.

The normal working shift is eight hours, but for all practical purposes they work from 11 to 12 hours daily,

the rest being counted as overtime. Here downstairs life is no joke, but a hard, unending responsibility.

The Rotterdam is part of the Holland-America fleet which includes the *Statendam*, *Volendam*, *Vredendam*, *Prinsendam*, all of them registered in West Indies and run according to the same principle. They all cater to the American public and are Holland's unsubsidized major dollar earners. They ply their trade from Alaska to the Caribbean and from South America to Indonesia. As a flagship it also visits Haifa on its yearly world cruise.

The rates are quite moderate for the American middle-class earners, varying from \$500 to \$1,000, depending on the size of the cabin. Tipping is not required and food is free in abundance day and night. There is a late buffet supper at midnight, another late late function at 2.30 and the bars close at dawn. Only alcoholic drinks have to be paid for, and they are quite inexpensive. The ships gather an enormous income from the bars, casinos and shops, excursion trips and other similar facilities.

Time passes too fast and the exciting shore visits stimulate your feelings and senses. Bahamas bathes in tropical sun, the first gate to America as discovered by Columbus, the Marrano Jew who used to sign his letters with "Besrat Hashem" sign.

Nassau is the American dream gambling paradise. It is, however, the poor man's imitation Las Vegas. This is the capital of Bahamas, a new 700-island republic, only some 320 kms. away from Miami.

Its chief attraction is the former desolate Hog Island, by now suitably renamed Paradise Island. It lives from tourism, gambling and local products sold at the port Straw Market. The huge casino is a poor and unimaginative cousin of Monte Carlo. It resembles a wall-to-wall carpeted market place in which hundreds of slot machines, roulette, baccara and other game-of-luck tables run non-stop from 10 a.m. to dawn. The casino is a part of a huge hotel conglomerate and houses a theatre. Bermuda is different. It is still an

orderly, even if today self-governing British colony. It shares with Gibraltar the honour of being the last crown territories of the British Empire. Since World War II it has been a major strategic naval base in Atlantic for the British, American and Canadian navies.

It is a delightful island with hundreds of clean beaches, villas, hotels and marinas. The Bermudans are prosperous. They pay no income tax and it is the temporary foreign labour, brought in from all over the world which keeps them going. There are a few Jews and not a single synagogue. Jews wishing to pray can do so at a U.S. army base.

Bermuda is an expensive tourist paradise. Ships of all nations line the shore, but in contrast to Nassau, every visitor is carefully screened. The tall, black Bermudan immigration officer suspiciously turns over and studies the Israeli passports and finally stamps them without any

comment. Bermuda stands for no nonsense like drugs, gambling, or offering a place of refuge to anyone in need. The many foreigners who are employed here are sent home immediately upon expiration of their contracts.

We land at Hamilton, a beautiful British colonial town. There is a lively traffic at the 30 miles per hour maximum speed limit throughout this 20 km.-long island. Cost of living is extremely high and the rents astronomical. The June weather compares favourably to Tel Aviv's and the spring lasts throughout the year. From time to time a refreshing downpour brings relief.

Back aboard the Rotterdam we feel at home. It becomes so easy to resign ourselves to the pleasures of idleness and luxury. The monotonous noise of the engines intensifies the journey's dream-like quality and the hospitable decks and lounges quickly become our home

away from home. We are almost disturbed when the heavy contours of New York wake us up to reality.

Baruch Saville adds: Summertime in Israel, is "off-season" time in the Bahamas and hotel rates range from 25-40% lower than at peak periods.

If your aim is the Bahamas and time is short, an air trip is an alternative.

Air Bahama (IAB) operates regular scheduled flights from Luxembourg to Nassau and also now to Freeport — the resort's first direct link with Europe. Lufthansa flies from Frankfurt and Cologne while British Airways offers regular services from London. The Swiss charter company Balair, and Condor, the Lufthansa subsidiary, also operate low-cost charters to Nassau and Freeport.

Today is edited by Joanna Tcheil.

## Modern travel links with the past

Baruch Saville tells the Peltours story.

PELTOURS, originally known as the Palestine Express Company and "PEL", Palestine-Egypt Lloyd, was founded by the Jewish Agency, in 1920 creating the first travel link with Egypt and most other countries of the Middle East.

The first offices were opened in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Rehovot, but branches were soon established in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez and a little later, in Baghdad, Aleppo and Teheran. All the Middle East offices were part of a subsidiary company which had its headquarters in Cairo.

Travel in those early days was most trying. The British Mandate did not permit any major road building. The few roads that existed were exceptionally bad. Robber bands harassed unwary travellers. Overnight accommodation was scarce.

Until the first comprehensive guide book was produced by Peltours, in 1922, most travellers relied on the Bible. The book, published in Hebrew and German, was followed by travel brochures and suggested itineraries.

When Haeres (horse drawn

carriages) and three class "taxi" vehicles for interurban travel proved inadequate, Peltours established its own fleet of motor vehicles. In 1924, Peltours opened a branch in Beirut, Lebanon, became a flourishing tourist spot. Most popular were the Lebanese snow resorts.

Increased travel to Egypt and the lack of accommodation resulted in Peltours setting up its own overnight camp — almost at the foot of the Pyramids of Giza.

Peltours also engaged in setting up communications from Teheran and later even bringing supplies from the United States. With the opening of its London and other offices in Europe and the USA, Peltours eventually specialized in travel to "any place between Aleppo and Teheran," being recognised as the specialists in Middle East travel.

With tourism brought to a halt by the 1938 disturbances, Peltours dealt with the influx of immigrants. In the early days of World War II, the company was engaged in the transport of essential supplies brought overland from Turkey.

The travel company's first real

development and expansion came when it was acquired by a group of South African Zionist leaders and businessmen. However, with the War of Independence, all of Peltours offices and branches in Arab countries were confiscated, resulting in a serious setback for the travel company's operations. When the war ended the company began moving ahead again and opened offices in London, New York and West Germany. The South African offices were expanded.

Peltours, which began as the official travel agent for all Zionist Congresses, has to date organised and handled over 200 international conventions in Israel.

Rapidly expanding to serve the requirements of travel to and from Israel, Peltours, as the country's largest travel consultant added freight and insurance departments. Peltours, soon to celebrate its 50th anniversary year, retains its envied position in travel promoting and arranging individual and group tours to almost every part of the world.

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The tour organiser's task is not an easy one. Many things have to be taken into consideration — the airline seat, hotels, land arrangements, and tours. One of the biggest problems is finding a common language for Israel's immigrant population.

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UN Golan nine trims AACI 8-7 to win softball cup

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — UN Kuneitra (Golan) yesterday won the Israel Softball League's first national cup tournament, edging AACI Tel Aviv 8-7 in a nine-inning thriller at the Yarkon Park Sports field here.

By Robbin's single to left field which passed Golan's fielder, enabling both runners to score and reducing the UN lead to 6-3. But in the bottom of the sixth, UN's Skip opened up with a double, and Leary singled to right field, bringing him home. Claude walked, and both runners stole to second and third. Shipley's fly ball enabled the Kuneitra-based nine to score their eighth run for an 8-3 lead.



UN Kuneitra's catcher Ken Shipley slides safe to second as AACI Tel Aviv second baseman Skip Leary fumbles a throw which had beaten the runner to the sack. (Mullman)

Berkowitz returns to face transfer row with TA Macs

Post Sports Reporter Tel Aviv Maccabi's basketball star Mickey Berkowitz was due to arrive in Israel last night after a successful preliminary tryout with the Atlanta Hawks of the U.S. National Basketball Association. He returns to controversy with his club over whether he is free to join a professional team.



Canada's Arnold Ticmanis, 74, clears the bar at 1.71 metres in the pole vault in Hanover, West Germany, on the first day of the world veterans championships, a week-long track and field meet here with 3,000 participants. (UPI telephoto)

Glickstein still in top form at Dutch pro tennis circuit

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel's tennis star Shlomo Glickstein, 21, is continuing to show top form in the \$25,000 Dutch satellite circuit of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Final in Deventer with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph against West German Peter Spanz, a qualifier for the main draw who had upset Hurlimann in the quarters.

'Hoop mart' closes as teams pay IL50m. to acquire players

By STEVE KAPLAN Post Sports Reporter The Israel Basketball Association closed its players market late Thursday afternoon after more than 500 transfers in the men's and women's leagues. Estimates of the total value laid out by the teams ran as high as IL50m.

Top league teams, who for the first time may sign on foreign players for the league, were allowed only one transfer.

Ukrainian merman nears world mark in 200-m. medley

MOSCOW (AP). — Alexander Sidorenko of the Soviet Union set a European record of 2:03.46 for the men's 200-metre medley swim at the Spartakiad last night. His time came within 0.17 of a second of the world mark held by Jesse Vassallo of the U.S.

Milwaukee edges Yanks 6-5 as N.Y.'s Jackson ejected

NEW YORK (AP). — Cecil Cooper's third home run of the night, with two out in the ninth inning, lifted Milwaukee to a 6-5 victory over New York on Friday night in a wild game which saw Yankee slugger Reggie Jackson ejected for fighting with Brewer pitcher Mike Caldwell.

over the California Angels. In the National League, Bob Forsch pitched a three-hitter and George Hendrick drove in two runs for the second consecutive game as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0.

Passport delays for immigrant stars

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Sports Federation here informed top sprinter Manny Eisenberg and middle distance runner Richard Rothschild at the weekend that their Israel passports would not be ready in time for them to represent Israel at the university games in Mexico, which open on September 2.

20.7 seconds for the 200 already better the Olympic minimum times, and he is considered certain of a place in the Israel Olympic squad.

Liege XI beats Netanya 3-1 in Intertoto tilt

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter Standard of Liege last night beat Netanya Maccabi by 3-1 in the European Intertoto soccer series last night. The match, played in the Belgian city, was marred by a fight on the field towards the finish.

Esther Roth pipped at post in London women's meet

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Israel's sprint champion Esther Roth missed a great chance of winning the 100-metre hurdles in the women's amateur athletics championships at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Israel swimmer sets world mark for disabled

STOKE MANDEVILLE, England (AP). — Yosef Banger of Israel set a world swimming record for the disabled here on Friday on the sixth day of the Stoke Mandeville games, the Olympics for the disabled.

Kaufman leads golf open in Caesarea

CAESAREA. — Cyril Kaufman of Ra'anana with a score of 155 leads the Israel open golf championships here after 36 holes played over the weekend. The final two rounds will be played next Friday and Saturday.

Defending champion Barry Mandel of Herzliya lies third with 158 (77, 81).

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